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TOPIC Air Force Information from Werder

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REMARKS

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1. During the second half of August 1952, source observed that the central construction office responsible for the construction of airfields in the Soviet Zone of Germany was located at 108 Eisenbahnstrasse in the Werder restricted area. Both Soviet officers and German civilians were observed entering this office. The German vehicle had [redacted] (1)

2. At 5 p.m. on 30 August, there was a practice alert in Werder. All Soviet soldiers and dependents hurried to the airfield. About 15 minutes after the alert was given, 52 trucks were seen proceeding to the airfield. The Russians did not return from the airfield before 8 p.m. [redacted]

3. A barbed wire fence was being built around the restricted area. The sector of the fence near Lake Zern was completed. (1) It was rumored among the Germans employed at the restricted area that they would soon be dismissed. When a civilian employee wanted to buy a radio set on instalments at the shop in the restricted area, she was told that this was not feasible at present, as all German employees must expect to be given notice of dismissal any day. (2)

4. [redacted]

5. One Major Kulikov (fnu) and another officer named Fitikov (fnu) were responsible for the supply of the Soviet occupation troops and their dependents with commissary goods. (4)

6. A radio installation with a braced mast about four meters high was observed in the southeastern corner of the airfield, about 20 meters distant from the fence. A metal ring about 75 centimeters in diameter filled with wire netting was fitted on top of the tapering mast. A vehicle on blocks was seen near the mast. Sentries were frequently observed near the installation in the evening. (5)

7. [redacted]

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25X1 8. Between 24 August and 7 September, source determined that the Basa in Werder [redacted] the main Basa bureau attached to the air force headquarters. Chief of the Basa was Major Lavrentev; his deputy was air force captain Shavrenkov (fnu); and the chief accountant of the organization was named Kalifenski (fnu). The latter wore red-bordered silver epaulets.

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[redacted] (6) Units which were assigned Soviet sales managers included:

Name of Unit	Name of Sales Manager
Gitun	Samoilenkov
Gorshkov	Syakov
Samolenko	Burikin
Chernov	Dremuchkin
Shurunov	Govrilov

10. Material delivered to the individual units in August 1952 included:

Unit	Soap	Belts	EM Epaulets	Officer Epaulets
Boldovski	900 cakes	11 units	240 pieces	425 pieces
Volevach	1,850 "	13 "	700 "	245 "
Gitun	1,560 "	14 "	"	300 "
Gorshkov	480 "	5 "	210 "	275 "
Evmenkin	1,440 "	12 "	"	50 "
Makeyev	580 "	12 "	775 "	"
Mashkin	1,550 "	12 "	650 "	240 "
Ovsyankov	1,160 "	13 "	500 "	150 "
Samolenko	780 "	14 "	200 "	"
Spishakov	1,240 "	11 "	300 "	"
Strishkov	2,140 "	14 "	200 "	235 "
Sulayev	1,120 "	9 "	900 "	225 "
Chernov	4,280 "	16 "	"	220 "
Shurunov	1,940 "	11 "	"	"
Laryek I	240 "	7 "	100 "	100 "
Laryek II	800 "	"	"	"
Magatsin 5	400 "	7 "	10 "	"
Univermag	200 "	34 "	180 "	100 "

11. [redacted] 25X1

25X1 [redacted] Comments.

(1)

• The 44 Twenty-fourth Air

Army is located at Werder.

(2) It must be expected that all but a few German craftsmen working at Soviet military installations will be dismissed. In Doeberitz it was observed that 360 Soviet soldiers were being trained to replace skilled German workers employed by the Russians.

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The two officers were previously known. [redacted] However, it is believed that Fitikov should read Fedynkov.

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(5)

The type of this radio installation could not be determined.

(6)

[redacted] it may be Unit Boldovski that belongs to the fighter division in Linow while Unit Gorshkov is carried as being assigned to the air transport regiment which moved from Altenburg to Brandis. The present report indicates with a fair degree of certainty that the Unit Gorshkov is assigned to the fighter division headquarters in Koethen. The chiefs of all Commissary and Special Service Departments of all the 10 division headquarters of the Twenty-Fourth Air Army have thus been determined. [redacted] Since two such commissary and special service departments i.e. Units Samolenkov and Mashkin are reportedly located in Weeberitz, the headquarters of a ground attack division, Unit Samolenkov might be assigned to the corps headquarters in Falkensee. [redacted]

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